

Taxes Old Y.M.C.A. Bldg.? *Copy filed in section 8 herein March 15/4*
Copy of handwritten note herewith:

By Somers proposal, the U. of T. gains in abolishing the competition of the M.E.School with the proposed physical culture course for which the University proposes to erect a bldg. after the War.

The U. of T. gains by the School having created a demand for its type of physical education for women which ready-made demand will secure pupils for the U. of T. and which demand would not now exist to the same extent if the School never had been.

The U. of T. gains \$10,000 in the proposal to hand over the accumulated profits to U. of T. for purpose of buying a Library.

By the proposal the U. of T. stands to lose Nothing.

The School has nothing to gain except to avoid the loss that would later result in the competition from the course of instruction to be provided by the University when the proposed building will have been erected for this purpose.

The School will receive Nothing for its good will.

Its Alumnae will disappear. The School which did the best work in Canada will be soon entirely forgotten.

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Copy to Mr. J. Elliott
(Orig. Blue)

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(Mr. J. Elliott has a copy)
shown to Mr. J. Jr.

April 12/41.

Lady Eaton,

Regarding the Margaret Eaton School, you will recall that when Miss Hamilton retired from it, the School was taken over by Miss Somers on her own account. To enable her to carry on, we continued to make no charge for rental, heating or caretaking; and also permitted the name of the School to remain unchanged.

You would recall, also, that some years previously there were negotiations with the University with a view to the School becoming affiliated therewith, so as to give to its Graduates, University standing, which would enable them to teach Physical Culture in the Schools that are under Government supervision. As the University required a building to be provided and also an Endowment of \$15,000 per year, nothing was done about it.

In those days the University probably did not see much of educational value in the work done by the School; but in the meantime, the University evidently has begun to realize its worth as similar work in the University has grown in importance. And as it has in mind the erection of a building for which there is already a fund of \$300,000ear-marked, Miss Somers and her Staff feel that when the University will have such equipment, the School could not compete therewith; and that something should be done, now, to bring the School under the control of the University. With this in mind, Miss Somers conferred with Dr. Cody with the result that there is a proposal for the University to take over the School as a going concern; and when the proposed building is erected and equipped, the Margaret Eaton School staff would be taken over by the University and the present building on Yonge St. would be vacated. It is the intention, however, of the

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University to postpone building until after the War; so that, the School would continue to be carried on in the present premises for two years or more.

As the School has had so little in the way of overhead expenses and Miss Somers has been quite successful, she has accumulated about \$9,000 net profit in recent years. And if the deal goes through, she proposes to donate this money with which to provide, in the new School, a Library of books relevant to the work done in the School and to be known as "The Margaret Eaton Library".

With all of the above arrangements, it is seen that the University has everything to gain and nothing to lose, while the Margaret Eaton School loses its name and its identity, and the only recognition of the pioneer work done by Mrs. Timothy Eaton in this matter would be in the form of a rather insignificant Library, about which the general public would hear little. And as the School is by far the best of its kind in Canada and has become so, practically unaided by any other educational body, such a Library seems rather unworthy as a memorial of Mrs. Timothy Eaton who not only provided the funds for the establishment of the School, but also took a helpful and practical interest in its organization and its work.

The School was of course originally designed to include the study of Literature and Expression through Dramatic Art, with Physical Culture added as a means of improving deportment and grace. When Hart House was built, a theatre was included in which the study of Dramatic Art strongly competed with the work done in the Margaret Eaton School, with the result that in the School, Literature and Expression became less important and Physical Culture more important; so that, by the time Miss Somers took charge, the work done in Literature and

Expression was insignificant and the School was given over almost entirely to Physical Culture. And although the work done by the Margaret Eaton School at present is not as ^{so} comprehensive as planned by Mrs. Timothy Eaton and Chancellor Burwash, who assisted her in organizing it, the School has grown to be associated mainly with Physical Culture, and in that sense identified with the Margaret Eaton name. It would therefore seem a matter for regret that the School should pass out of existence without the Margaret Eaton name being worthily identified with the continuation of this work in the University.

As the University is usually eager for financial assistance, a proposal might be made, if the Company could see its way to do so, that the Company would pay for the erection of the building which the University has in mind, and that the University would set up the above mentioned \$300,000 as an Endowment Fund for the work; and the building to be known as "The Margaret Eaton Hall", or by some title including the Margaret Eaton name.

No proposal of this kind has been made to the University. The only proposal is as above stated: that the University would take over the Margaret Eaton School and would have the use of the present premises with the same conditions as have been enjoyed by the School, until such time as the University's new building would be ready for use; and that in addition, the accumulated profit would be donated to the University to purchase a Library dealing with Physical Culture. We do not know, of course, in how far the University would agree with this proposal.

It is not advocated that the above proposal be made. It is merely a suggestion.

The facts and observations are given to show the situation, past and present.

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